

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Roland CHERIF CHEIKH

Appl. No.: New Group: Unknown

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For: DEVICE FOR LOCAL ADMINISTRATION OF SOLID OR SEMI-SOLID
FORMULATIONS AND DELAYED-RELEASE FORMULATIONS FOR
PROPOSAL PARENTAL ADMINISTRATION AND PREPARATION
PROCESS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

February 1, 2002

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are
respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified
application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-72.

Please add the following new claims:

--73. Solid delayed-release formulation, intended to be placed in
a body, containing at least one active principle and a
biodegradable excipient, characterized in that the excipient is a
polylactide-glycolide (PLGA) copolymer, and in that the
concentration of active principle is between 40 and 100%.